

**IDAPA 08 - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

08.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-0806

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section(s) 33-105 and 33-107 Idaho Code, and Sections 33-1201 and 33-1258, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21, 2008 - 1:00 pm

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Lewis & Clark Conference Room
Len B. Jordan Building, 2nd Floor
650 West State Street, Boise, ID**

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

These additional routes expedite the attainment of endorsements for teachers who are needed to teach in areas outside of their current endorsement. Under the alternative authorization provisions these additional routes would only be allowed for Idaho school districts who are requesting emergency endorsement/certification when a professional position cannot be filled with someone who has the correct endorsement/certification and is only valid for up to three years and is nonrenewable. These additional routes to endorsement under alternative authorization allow teachers to obtain additional endorsements through three options including traditional coursework through a college or university, National Board certification and through testing or assessment such as the Praxis II test. Those utilizing National Board certification and testing routes are required to complete a year of mentoring and supervision. Some pedagogy in content area best practices is required for those under the testing route.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Sections 67-5220, Idaho Code, informal negotiated rulemaking was conducted. This proposed rule change was brought before the Standards Committee of the Professional Standards Commission. It was presented and discussed, amended, and revisited. The final version was then proposed to the entire Professional Standards Commission for a vote.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Christina Linder (208) 332-6886.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 22, 2008.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2008.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 08-0202-0806

043. ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION – TEACHER TO NEW CERTIFICATION (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006).

The purpose of this alternative authorization is to allow Idaho school districts to request emergency endorsement/certification when a professional position cannot be filled with someone who has the correct endorsement/certification. Alternative authorization in this area is valid for up to three (3) years and is nonrenewable.

~~(3-20-04)~~(____)

01. Initial Qualifications. Prior to application, a candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree, and a valid Idaho teacher certificate without full endorsement in content area of need. The school district must declare an emergency and provide supportive information attesting to the ability of the candidate to fill the position. (3-20-04)

02. Alternative Route Preparation Program. (3-20-04)

a. Option I – Teacher to New Certification/Endorsement. (____)

~~a.i.~~ Candidate will work toward completion of the alternative route preparation program through a participating college/university, and the employing school district. Candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits annually to be eligible for extension of up to a total of three (3) years. (3-20-04)

~~b.ii.~~ The participating college/university shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences. (3-20-04)

~~c.iii.~~ Candidate shall meet all requirements for the endorsement/certificate as provided herein. (3-20-04)

b. Option II – National Board (endorsement only). By earning National Board certification in content specific areas teachers may gain endorsement in a corresponding subject area. (____)

c. Option III – Testing and/or Assessment (endorsement only). Two (2) pathways are available to some teachers, depending upon endorsement(s) already held. (____)

~~i.~~ Pathway 1 –Endorsements may be added through state-approved testing only, provided that the appropriate test is successfully completed within the first year of authorization in an area closely compatible with an endorsement for which they already qualify and are experienced. Additionally requires the successful completion of a one-year mentoring component. (____)

~~ii.~~ Pathway 2 - Endorsements may be added through state-approved testing provided that the appropriate test is successfully completed within the first year of the authorization in an area closely compatible with an endorsement for which a teacher already qualifies and is experienced. Additionally requires the successful completion of a one (1)-year mentoring component and passing a final pedagogy assessment. (____)